

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of storing user data on and of reading stored user data from a rewritable data storage medium comprising a read-only fixed data area and a recordable data area, said method comprising the steps of:

5 storing system data in the recordable data area of the rewritable data storage medium;

generating a cryptographic summary of the system data;

storing the cryptographic summary in the fixed data area of the rewritable data storage medium;

10 verifying the system data stored in the recordable data area using the stored cryptographic summary; and

enabling reading and/or recording of user data in dependence on the verifying step.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a hash function is used for generating the cryptographic summary and for verifying the system data.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a message authentication code algorithm is

used for generating the cryptographic summary and for verifying the system data.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a key signature algorithm is used for generating the cryptographic summary and for verifying the system data, and that a signature is stored as cryptographic summary.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cryptographic summary is generated and the system data are stored in the recordable data area as part of a formatting of the storage medium.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that copy protection information is stored as system data, said copy protection information including a unique storage medium identifier, a key encrypted by one or more different
5 manufacturer-specific or device-specific keys or one or more lists of revoked devices or revoked storage mediums.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the system data is originally stored in a corner area of the recordable data area and that during first use of the storage medium in a recording apparatus, the system data are
5 copied to a user data area of the recordable data area.

9. (Previously Presented) A storage medium for storing user data comprising:

a recordable data area in which system data are stored;

a read-only fixed data area in which a cryptographic

5 summary of the system data is stored,

wherein said storage medium cooperates with a recording and/or reproducing apparatus such that the stored cryptographic summary is used to verify the stored system data before enabling reading and/or recording of user data.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the storage medium is a rewritable optical storage medium, in particular a CD or a DVD.

12. (Previously Presented) A recording apparatus for storing user data on a rewritable data storage medium, said rewritable data storage medium having system data stored in a recordable data area and a cryptographic summary of the stored system data stored in a

5 read-only fixed data area, said recording apparatus comprising:

means for reading the cryptographic summary of system data;

verifying means for verifying the stored system data using the cryptographic summary;

10 Enabling means for enabling recording of user data in
dependence on the verification of the system data; and

 Recording means for storing the user data in the
recordable data area of the rewritable data storage medium.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) A playback apparatus for playback of
user data stored on a rewritable data storage medium, said
rewritable data storage medium having system data stored in a
recordable data area and a cryptographic summary of the stored
5 system data stored in a read-only fixed data area, said playback
apparatus comprising:

 reading means for reading the system data stored in the
recordable data area of the rewritable data storage medium and for
reading the cryptographic summary of the system data stored in the
10 read-only fixed data area of the medium;

 verifying means for verifying the system data read from
the medium using the cryptographic summary; and

 Enabling means for enabling, in response to the
verification, the reading means to read the user data.

15-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as claimed in claim
9, wherein the fixed data area comprises a first fixed data area

and a second fixed data area, the system data being stored in the
second fixed data area and the cryptographic summary of the system
5 data being stored in the first fixed data area.

26. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as claimed in claim
25, wherein the second fixed data area is a corner area.

27. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as claimed in claim
26, wherein the corner area is formed by pressed pits in the
storage medium.

28. (Previously Presented) The storage medium as claimed in claim
25, wherein the first fixed data area is a burst cut area.

29. (Previously Presented) A method of recording user data on a
rewriteable storage medium comprising a fixed data area and a
recordable data area, wherein system data is stored in the
recordable data area and a cryptographic summary of the system data
5 is stored in the fixed data area, said method comprising the steps
of:

generating a second cryptographic summary of the system
data;

comparing the second cryptographic summary with the
10 cryptographic summary from the fixed data area; and

recording the user data in the recordable data area based on the comparing the second cryptographic summary with the cryptographic summary from the fixed data area.

30. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording user data on a rewriteable storage medium comprising a fixed data area and a recordable data area, wherein system data is stored in the recordable data area and a cryptographic summary of the system data is stored in the fixed data area, said recording apparatus comprising:

means for reading the system data from the recordable data area and for reading the cryptographic summary from the fixed data area;

means for generating a second cryptographic summary of the system data;

means for comparing the second cryptographic summary with the cryptographic summary from the fixed data area; and

means for recording the user data in the recordable data area based on the comparing the second cryptographic summary with the cryptographic summary from the fixed data area.